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SUBJECT: CHIEF OF STAFF DENIES SUDAN/SOMALIA DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. MOHAMAD OSMAN HASHIM, WE DISCUSSED HORN DEVELOPMENTS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SOMALIA. HASHIM RECENTLY LED SUDANESE MILITARY DELEGATION TO MOGADISCIO AND HE RECEIVED SOMALI VICE DEFENSE MINISTER HERE SHORTLY THEREAFTER. HE STRESSED POVERTY OF SOMALIA AND URGED US PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, HE AGREED THAT RECAPTURING OGADEN WAS FIRST PRIORITY FOR SOMALIS. HE INDICATED SUDANGOV SUPPORTS SOMALIA ON THIS POINT.

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2. I ASKED WHETHER SUDAN AND SOMALIA HAD A DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND HASHIM DENIED THAT ONE EXISTS. I THEN NOTED THAT SUDAN HAS FORMAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT (TO WHICH HE INTERJECTED QUOTE IT IS OUR ONLY ONE UNQUOTE) AND AN INFORMAL ONE WITH SAUDI ARABIA WHICH HE CONFIRMED. I THEN ASKED HOW HE WOULD DESCRIBE

SUDAN SOMALI RELATIONSHIP. HE REPLIED QUOTE SYMPATHETIC UNQUOTE. WHEN I NOTED PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW SAID SUDAN WOULD SUPPORT SOMALIA IN ANY WAR WITH ETHIOPIA, HASHIM SAID ONLY TIME THIS HAS BEEN STATED WAS IN NIMEIRI'S INTERVIEW.

3. COMMENT: CLEARLY SUDANESE-SOMALI POLITICAL AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS HAVE EXPANDED AND GROWN WARM AS THEIR MUTUAL ANTIPATHY TOWARD ETHIOPIA INTENSIFIES AND AS SUDANGOV MOVES TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO DRAW SOMALIA OUT FROM UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION. HOWEVER, CHIEF OF STAFF'S REMARKS INDICATE THAT NOT EVEN AN INFORMAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT YET EXISTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, GIVEN DEEP SUDANESE SUSPICION OF SOVIETS THAT NOW EXISTS, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF SUDANGOV YET WILLING ENTER INTO DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOMALIA WHILE POSSIBILITY EXISTS SENSITIVE INFO COULD REACH SOVIETS AND THROUGH THEM ETHIOPIANS AND LIBYANS. IT WAS CONCERN OVER THIS AND EVIDENCE THAT SOVIETS HAD IN FACT PASSED SUCH INFO TO ITS ENEMIES THAT WAS PROXIMATE CAUSE FOR OUSTER OF SOVIETS FROM SUDAN DURING PAST FEW WEEKS.  
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